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SUBJECT: THE NETHERLANDS AND THE ARAB BOYCOTT

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1. ON AUGUST 15 WE HAD A FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH HARRY VAN DEN BERGH, LABOR PARTY MEMBER OF THE SECOND CHAMBER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE WHICH IS INVESTIGATING THE EFFECTS ON DUTCH FIRMS OF THE ARAB BOYCOTT. VAN DEN BERGH SAID THE COMMITTEE IS PRESENTLY MAKING A GENERAL STUDY AND INVESTIGATION OF THE SUBJECT. IN ABOUT 60 DAYS THAT PHASE WILL HAVE BEEN FINISHED AND THE COMMITTEE WILL THEN DECIDE ON ITS NEXT STEP; IT WILL EITHER CONTINUE ITS INVESTIGATION BY REQUESTING VARIOUS COMPANY OFFICIALS TO APPEAR BEFORE IT TO DISCUSS THE BOYCOTT OR IT MAY MOVE DIRECTLY TO PROPOSE LEGISLATION. IN EITHER CASE, VAN DEN BERGH'S GOAL IS SOME LEGISLATION,

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HOPEFULLY THIS WINTER.

2. THE PRESENT PHASE OF GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS WILL INCLUDE TWO DAYS OF TESTIMONY BY A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS AT A CLOSED HEARING ON AUGUST 30 AND 31. AMONG THOSE WHO WILL APPEAR ARE DAN HALPERIN OF THE ISRAELI MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND BURTON JOSEPH OF MINNEAPOLIS, APPEARING IN HIS CAPACITY

AS AN OFFICIAL OF B'NAI B'RITH. THE MFA (VAN ARKEL) HAS  
CONFIRMED TO US THAT THE HEARINGS ARE SCHEDULED AS INDICATED  
BY VAN DEN BERGH AND THAT HALPERIN AND JOSEPH ARE TO APPEAR.  
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